

WALL STREET NEWS

Trading Shows No Improvement Over Yesterday.

FEW ISSUES EVINCE STRENGTH

Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Atchafalaya, and Other Standard Shares Boasted Some by Professional Dickerers, but at No Time During Day Are the Increases Great.

New York, Feb. 24.—For the greater share of the time to-day stock exchange activity was on a reduced scale even from that of yesterday when it was more diminished than on any previous day in the last seven months. Nevertheless, the stock market exhibited a stronger undertone throughout than it did in the preceding session even if one the other hand it had to be admitted that the majority of the prominent issues seemed to rise only in a sympathetic way in consequence of strength in one or two specific stocks. Toward the close of business the market broadened and dealings so increased that taking the day as a whole transactions were in excess of those of Wednesday. It was still obviously a professional market and one in which speculators finding that prices did not decline easily and that two or three particular stocks seemed to be moving upward for special reasons were inclined to make moderate purchases of other issues. The particular stocks noted as those showing strength were the Louisville and Nashville, Brooklyn Rapid Transit, Colorado and Southern, Southern Railway preferred, and the Atlantic Coast Line shares.

Later on when the buying became more general the rise extended to the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Atchafalaya, and other standard shares.

Fluctuations Are Shadowy.

But even here the rise was such as to suggest that it was only in consequence of trading operators who had discovered that momentarily the market moved upward with greater facility than it did downward. Presumably also the retirement of a more or less considerable short interest that has accumulated during the heaviness of the market in the last two or three days played some part in the recovery. The advance in the Louisville and Nashville and Atlantic Coast Line stocks provoked the renewed circulation of old rumors as to "rights" that might possibly be forthcoming upon the stock first named. Further talk of an increased dividend distribution by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company was responsible for the advance in that company's stock. But aside from this there was no news or "stories" to account for any of the price movements to which reference has been made.

The reading common shares to-day did not seem to be particularly affected by the official announcement that the Philadelphia and Reading Company had issued an order reducing the working hours in some of its departments because of the slowing up of business. Such a statement was, upon the whole, unexpected at this time, inasmuch as the general supposition is in view of the severity of the winter weather that the anthracite trade has been flourishing.

Rubber Shares Active.

In the foreign markets to-day the only feature appeared to be a continuance of the furious speculation in London in the shares of rubber producing companies which has lately occupied such a prominent place in speculative operations in the British capital.

The Bank of England's report of a decrease in its proportion of reserve to liabilities as weekly estimated from \$3.03 per cent last week to 3.51 per cent attracted attention only as a routine development; and similarly it was regarded here as an unimportant matter that sterling exchange was very strong, leaving it altogether probable that more engagements of gold for shipments to South America from this city will be announced in a short time.

TREASURY STATEMENT.

Receipts	Disbursements
Gold coins and bullion	\$10,000,000.00
Trust funds held for redemption of outstanding notes and certificates	\$80,473,899.00
Gold coin	\$8,429,600.00
Silver dollars	\$3,564,000.00
Silver dollars of 1890	\$1,500,000.00
Total	\$1,500,000.00

General fund	Gold certificates	Standard silver dollars	Silver certificates	United States notes	Treasury notes of 1890	National bank notes
\$12,138,939.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$1,132,320.00	\$1,132,320.00	\$1,132,320.00	\$1,132,320.00	\$1,132,320.00
Total	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Receipts	Disbursements
Ordinary receipts	\$1,132,320.00
Internal revenue	\$1,132,320.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,132,320.00
Total	\$1,132,320.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Disbursements	Balance in general fund	Balance in special funds
\$1,132,320.00	\$1,132,320.00	\$1,132,320.00
Total	\$1,132,320.00	\$1,132,320.00

PUBIC DEBT.

Disbursements	Money deposited to retire national bank notes	Money paid for national bank notes retired
\$1,132,320.00	\$1,132,320.00	\$1,132,320.00
Total	\$1,132,320.00	\$1,132,320.00

LOAN SOCIETIES.

ON DIAMONDS.

Watches, Jewelry, &c.

A Philadelphia Institution.

Capital, \$1,000,000.

Investment in the city.

Prudential Loan Society.

Ground Floor, N. W. Cor.

12th and G streets.

Private side entrance.

Transactions strictly confidential.

INTEREST AT 6%.

A YEAR.

MONEY.

ON DIAMONDS.

Watches, Jewelry, &c.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, Hibbs Building.

SALE OF STOCK BY HOURS.

Call money: Open, 2 1/2; high, 3; low, 2 1/4; close, 2 1/2.

RAILROADS.

Atch., T. & S. P. com. 115 1/2, 115 1/2, 115 1/2, 115 1/2.

Atlantic Coast Line 120 1/2, 120 1/2, 120 1/2, 120 1/2.

Baltimore & Ohio com. 111 1/2, 111 1/2, 111 1/2, 111 1/2.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit 74 1/2, 74 1/2, 74 1/2, 74 1/2.

Canadian Pacific 107 1/2, 107 1/2, 107 1/2, 107 1/2.

C. C. & St. L. com. 80 1/2, 80 1/2, 80 1/2, 80 1/2.

Chic. & N. W. com. 104 1/2, 104 1/2, 104 1/2, 104 1/2.

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